

To the FCC,

I am writing in regard to Sinclair Broadcasting's outrageous scheme to force their stations to broadcast a full-length Swift Boat smear campaign in the days before the election.

In my 38 years on this earth, I have never seen such an egregious use of our supposedly public airwaves for clearly partisan purposes. Even worse, this smear campaign is coming from the same broadcast company who refused to air a Nightline program that had the temerity to actually broadcast the names of our citizens who have lost their lives in two overseas wars.

If you have any sense of shame at all, you will take a long hard look at how Sinclair Broadcasting has failed to serve the public interest, and deny them the use of our public airwaves when they apply for their broadcast licenses.

Imagine, if you will, that NBC forced all of its affiliates to show Fahrenheit 911 right before the election.

Mr. Powell, would your silence be as deafening?

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